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Flick, Uwe; Uwe Flick

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Baker, Elizabeth A. (Elizabeth Anne), 1960- author.

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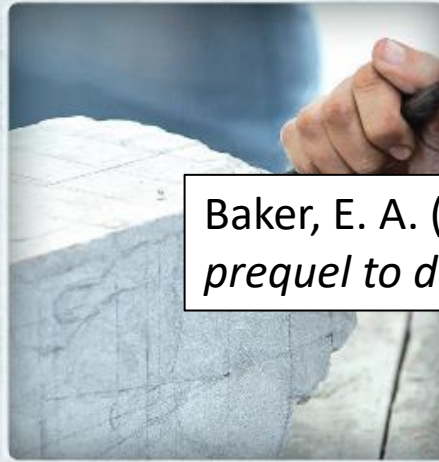
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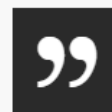
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- Guide for [Systematic reviews, scoping reviews and other evidence syntheses](#).
- Systematic Reviews are generally not appropriate to assign as course-based projects, particularly for undergraduate students.
- Library support is generally reserved for projects with primary investigators based at Brock
- [Learn more](#) about the different types of review articles.



Systematic reviews, scoping reviews and other evidence syntheses

Overview of evidence synthesis reviews and relevant strategies, tools and resources.

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DEVELOP A RESEARCH QUESTION

WRITE A PROTOCOL

DEVELOP A SEARCH STRATEGY

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What is evidence synthesis?

Evidence synthesis:

- also called knowledge synthesis
- uses reproducible and transparent methods to analyze data from multiple primary studies
- refers to evidence that has been:
 - synthesized from a large set of data/studies
 - summarized
 - critically appraised
- synthesized evidence is considered:
 - less biased
 - more rigorous
 - more generalizable

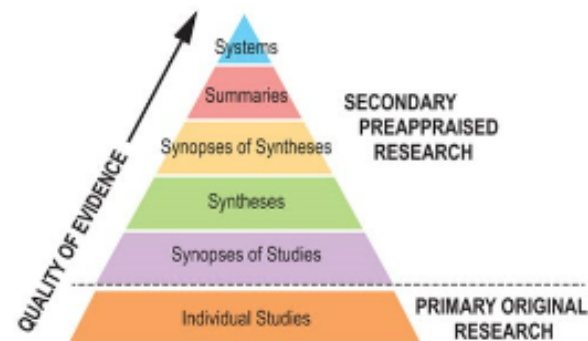


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Why do we need evidence synthesis?

- Combining and appraising information from multiple studies:
 - helps ensure clinicians use the most appropriate treatment/medication
 - provides evidence-based information to guide health policy and programming
 - reduces unnecessary repetition of research studies

Psychological interventions to foster resilience in healthcare students

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Resilience can be defined as maintaining or regaining mental health during or after significant adversities such as a potentially traumatising event, challenging life circumstances, a critical life transition or physical illness. Healthcare students, such as medical, nursing, psychology and social work students, are exposed to various study- and work-related stressors, the latter particularly during later phases of health professional education. They are at increased risk of developing symptoms of burnout or mental disorders. This population may benefit from resilience-promoting training programmes.

Objectives

To assess the effects of interventions to foster resilience in healthcare students, that is, students in training for health professions delivering direct medical care (e.g. medical, nursing, midwifery or paramedic students), and those in training for allied health professions, as distinct from medical care (e.g. psychology, physical therapy or social work students).

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There is very uncertain evidence that resilience interventions are effective in improving resilience or self-reported symptoms of anxiety, and stress or stress perception at post-test (small and moderate effect sizes).

The generalisability and applicability of the evidence is limited by the heterogeneous design and content of interventions (with a predominance of high-intensity, face-to-face interventions delivered in a group setting), the scarcity of short-, medium- and long-term follow-up, the diverse measures used, for example, to measure resilience, and geographical location (i.e. high-income countries). The certainty of the evidence in this review is being very low for primary outcomes at post-test. We therefore cannot draw conclusions about the effects of resilience interventions, as the true effect may be markedly different from the estimated effect.

We know little about the longer-term effects of resilience training on most outcomes, because few studies included follow-up assessments. Booster sessions were not conducted in any of the included studies.

The limited evidence that resilience training improves well-being or quality of life (post-test) and several resilience factors might indicate the need to adapt the current intervention techniques used and the protective factors trained.

The results of our review provide very uncertain evidence about whether resilience-training programmes may be helpful in stabilising and improving the mental health of healthcare students as a group of students with high stressor exposure.

Kunzler, A. M., Helmreich, I., König, J., Chmitorz, A., Wessa, M., Binder, H., & Lieb, K. (2020). Psychological interventions to foster resilience in healthcare students. *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews*, 2020(7).
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The National College Health Assessment II (NCHA-II) is a national research survey organized by the American College Health Association (ACHA) to assist college health service providers, health educators, counselors, and administrators in collecting data about their students' habits, behaviors, and perceptions on the most prevalent health topics. The survey was originally developed and administered in the U.S. before it was adopted in Canada. A revised survey, the NCHA-II has been in use since fall 2008. The survey is administered every three years at the University of Waterloo and is coordinated through Campus Wellness. Waterloo has participated in the survey since 2013.

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Felt very sad

Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
No, never	20.0	11.4	15.1
No, not last 12 months	17.7	12.0	14.5
Yes, last 2 weeks	24.4	33.3	29.6
Yes, last 30 days	12.9	16.9	15.1
Yes, in last 12 months	24.9	26.3	25.6
<i>Any time within the last 12 months</i>	62.2	76.6	70.4

Felt overwhelming anxiety

Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
No, never	38.6	26.1	31.4
No, not last 12 months	14.8	11.5	12.8
Yes, last 2 weeks	16.7	25.6	21.9
Yes, last 30 days	10.1	12.1	11.3
Yes, in last 12 months	19.8	24.7	22.6
<i>Any time within the last 12 months</i>	46.6	62.4	55.7

Seriously considered suicide

Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
No, never	76.2	71.8	73.6
No, not last 12 months	12.2	16.3	14.6
Yes, last 2 weeks	2.7	3.0	2.9
Yes, last 30 days	1.9	1.9	1.9
Yes, in last 12 months	7.0	7.1	7.0

Felt so depressed that it was difficult to function

Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
No, never	45.3	37.9	41.0
No, not last 12 months	19.1	21.2	20.2
Yes, last 2 weeks	12.5	14.8	13.9
Yes, last 30 days	6.6	8.1	7.6
Yes, in last 12 months	16.6	18.0	17.4
<i>Any time within the last 12 months</i>	35.6	41.0	38.9

Felt overwhelming anger

Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
No, never	44.5	36.9	40.0
No, not last 12 months	22.5	20.2	21.1
Yes, last 2 weeks	9.8	13.6	12.2
Yes, last 30 days	7.0	8.8	8.2
Yes, in last 12 months	16.2	20.4	18.5
<i>Any time within the last 12 months</i>	33.0	42.9	38.9

Attempted suicide

Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
No, never	93.9	91.4	92.3
No, not last 12 months	5.6	7.4	6.7
Yes, last 2 weeks	0.0	0.3	0.2
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Yes, in last 12 months	0.5	0.7	0.7

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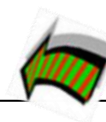
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Macintosh, James (Brock University, 2013-05-15)

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Dupuis, Sandy. (Brock University, 2007-11-04)

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Brown, Maxwell James

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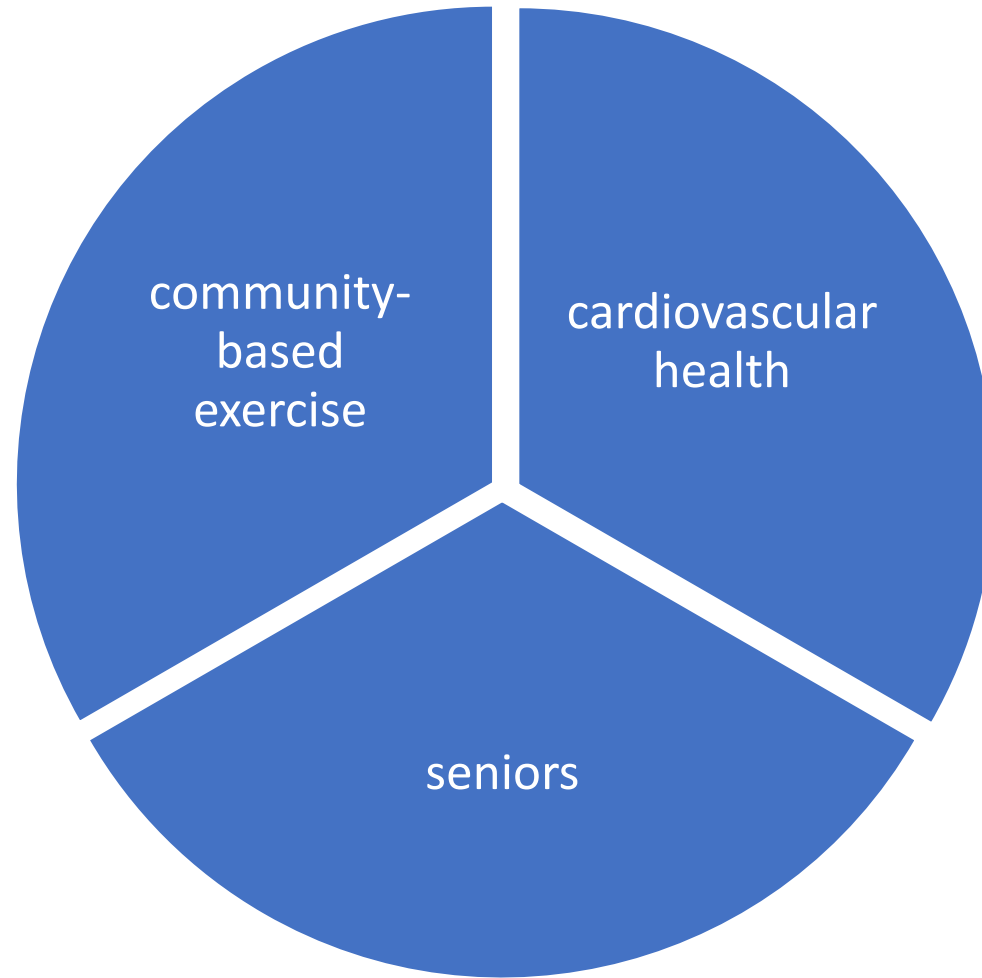
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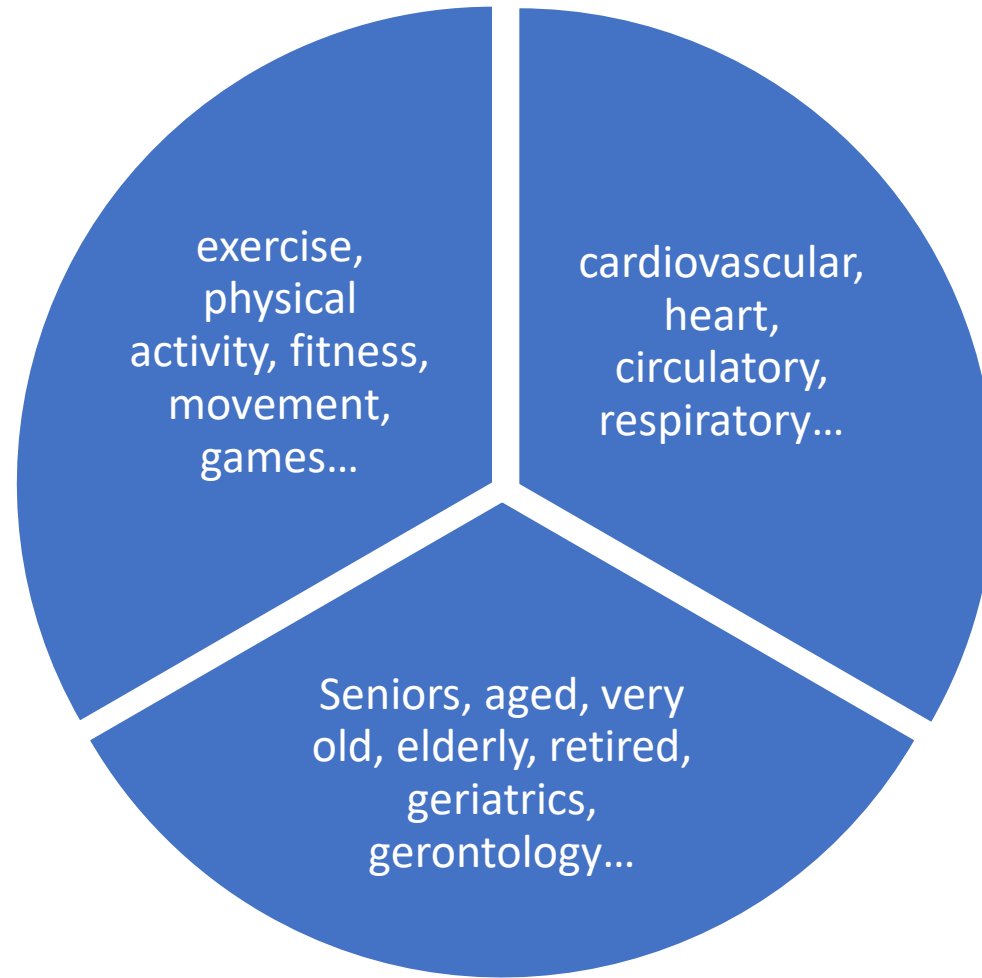
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What is the impact of **community-based exercise** programs on the **cardiovascular health** of **seniors**?



What is the impact of community-based exercise programs on the cardiovascular health of seniors?

Population, patient
or problem

Intervention

Comparator

Outcome

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I: community-based exercise...

C: other forms of exercise / treatment, no treatment...

O: healthy community members...

exercis* or “physical activity” or fitness or movement or game*...

AND

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Methods: 1 234 grade six to eight students participated in school-based data collection, which included resting measures of blood pressure (BP), heart rate (HR), body mass index (BMI) and waist circumference (WC). Parents of these children completed an inventory of ACEs taken from the Childhood Trust Events Survey. Linear regression models were used to assess the relationship between experiencing more than 4 ACEs experienced, systolic BP, HR, BMI and WC. In additional analysis, ACEs were assessed ordinally in their relationship with systolic BP, HR, and BMI as well as clinical obesity and hypertension status.

Results: After adjustment for family education, income, age, sex, physical activity, and parental history of hypertension, and WC for HR models, four or more ACEs had a significant effect on HR ($b = 1.8$ bpm, 95% CI (0.1-3.6)) BMI ($b = 1.1$ kg/m(2), 95% CI (0.5-1.8)), and WC ($b = 3.6$ cm, 95% CI (1.8-5.3)). A dose-response relationship between ACE accumulation and both BMI and WC was also found to be significant. Furthermore, accumulation of 4 or more ACEs was significantly associated with clinical obesity (95th percentile), after controlling for the aforementioned covariates.

Conclusions: In a community sample of grade six to eight children, accumulation of 4 or more ACEs significantly increased BMI, WC and resting HR. Therefore, risk factors related to reported associations between ACEs and cardiovascular outcomes among adults are identifiable in childhood suggesting earlier interventions to reduce CVD risk are required.

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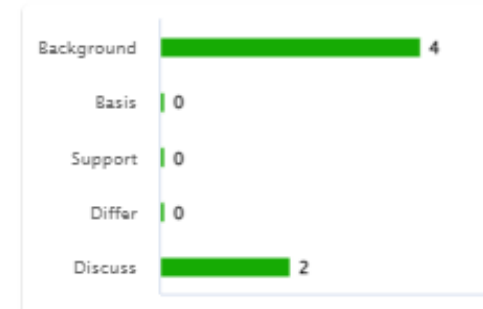
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Background

Adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) encompass many possible traumatic and distressing experiences that occur in childhood. Such experiences include traumas such as abuse or neglect but may also include experiences of illness, injury, loss or separation, witnessing a serious event, experiencing a natural disaster and significant changes in the home environment. Research has identified an association between ACEs, such as abuse, household dysfunction, and

poverty, and an increased likelihood of developing future health risk factors such as smoking, alcohol and drug use, physical inactivity, and obesity, as well as future chronic illnesses including cardiovascular, lung and liver diseases, and cancer which are, in part, related to these identified risk factors [1-3]. Work by Goodwin & Stein (2004), support these results showing that adults who had previously experienced childhood physical abuse, sexual abuse or neglect were 3.7 times more likely to develop cardiovascular disease (CVD) compared to others [4]. Stein and colleagues (2010) similarly showed that the accumulation of greater than three ACEs was associated with hypertension among adults [5]. Childhood factors including adverse events, socioeconomic

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Effectiveness of a physical activity program on cardiovascular disease risk in adult primary health-care users: the “Pas-a-Pas” community intervention trial

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Abstract

Background: Physical activity is a major, modifiable, risk factor for cardiovascular disease (CVD) that contributes to the prevention and management of CVD.

The aim of this study was to assess the short- and medium-term effectiveness of 9 months of a supervised physical activity program, including sociocultural activities, on CVD risk in adults.

Methods: Multicentered, randomized, controlled community intervention involving 364 patients in four primary care centers. The participants were randomly assigned to a Control Group (CG = 104) or Intervention Group (IG = 260); mean age 65.19 years; 76.8% women. The intervention consisted of 120 min/week walking (396 METs/min/week) and sociocultural gathering once a month. Clinical history, physical activity, dietary intake, CVD risk factors (smoking, systolic and diastolic blood pressure, weight, waist circumference, BMI, total cholesterol, LDL- and HDL-cholesterol, triglycerides, glycosylated hemoglobin and glucose) and global CVD risk were assessed at baseline and at the end of the intervention and multivariate models were applied to the data. Incidence of adverse cardiovascular events and continued adherence to the physical activity were assessed 2 years after intervention.

Results: At the end of the intervention period, in the IG relative to the CG group, there was a significant increase in physical activity (774.81 METs/min/week), a significant change during the intervention period in systolic blood pressure (−6.63 mmHg), total cholesterol (−10.12 mg/dL) and LDL-cholesterol (−9.05 mg/dL) even after adjustment for potential confounders. At 2 years after the intervention, in the IG, compared with the CG, the incidence of adverse cardiovascular events was significantly lower (2.5% vs. 10.5%) and the adherence to regular physical activity was higher (72.8% vs 27.2%) in IG compared to CG.

Conclusions: This community-based physical activity program improved cardiovascular health in the short- as well as medium-term, and promoted regular physical activity in the medium-term in older Spanish adults.

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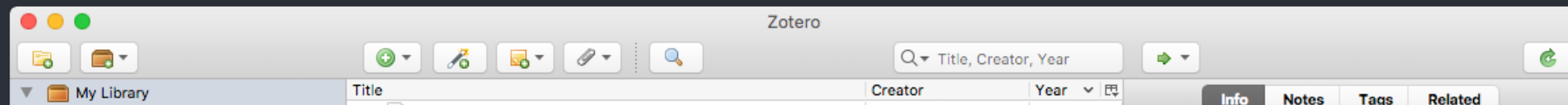
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